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A DECLARATION OF THE *LORDS* and *COMMONS* Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

For the raising of all Power, and Force, as well Trained Bands as others, in severall Counties of this Kingdom.

To lead against all Traytors and their Adherents, and them to Arrest, and Imprison, and to fight with, Kill, and Slay all such as shall oppose any of His *Majesties* loving Subiects, that shall be imployed in this Service by either or both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

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Together with His MAJESTIES Declaration *In Answer to the same.*

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A Declaration of the LORDS & COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT:

For the raising of all power, and force, as well Trained Bands as others, in severall *Counties of this Kingdom.*

To lead against all Traitors and their Adherents, and them to Arrest, & Imprison, and to fight with, Kill and Slay all such as shall oppose any of His MAJESTIES Loving Subjects, that shall be imployed in this service by either or both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

WHereas certain information is given from severall parts of the Kingdom, That divers Troops of Horse are imployed in sundry Counties of the Kingdom, and that others have Commission to raise both Horse and Foot, to compell His

Majesties Subjects to submit to the Illegall Commission of Array, out of a Trayterous intent to subvert the Liberty of the Subject, and the Law of the Kingdom; and for the better strengthning themselves in this wicked attempt, doe joyn with the Popish and Iesuiticall Faction, to put the Kingdom into a combustion and Civil War; by leavying Forces against the Parliament: and by these Forces to alter the Religion, and the ancient Government, and lawfull Liberty of the Kingdom; and to introduce Popery and Idolatry, together with an Arbitrary Form of Government: And in pursuance thereof, have Traiterously and Rebellioully leavyed War against the King, and by force robb'd, spoyl'd, and slain divers of His Majesties good Subjects, travelling about their lawfull and necessary occasions, in the Kings Protection according to Law; and namely, That for the end and purpose aforesaid, The Earl of of *Northampton*, the Lord *Dunsmore*, Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby*, Son to the Earl of *Lin-*

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ſey, *Henry Haſtings* Eſquire: and divers other unknown Perſons in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *Nottingham*, *Leiceſter*, *Warwick*, *Oxford*, and other places, the Marqueſſe of *Hertford*, the Lord *Paulet*, Lord *Seymor*, Sir *John Stawell*, Sir *Ralph Hopton*, *John Digby* Eſquire, and other their Accomplices, have gotten together great Forces in the County of *Sommerſet*. The Lords and Commons in Parliament, duly conſidering the great dangers which may enſue upon ſuch their wicked and Traiterous deſignes, and if by this means the Power of the Sword ſhould come into the Hands of Papiſts and their Adherents, nothing can be expected but the miſerable ruine and deſolation of the Kingdom, and the bloudy maſſacre of the Proteſtants: They doe Declare and Ordain, That it is, and ſhall be lawfull, for all His Majeſties loving Subjects, by force of Arms to reſiſt the ſaid ſeverall Parties, and their Accomplices, and all other that ſhall raiſe or conduct any other Forces for the ends afore-ſaid, and that the Earl of *Eſſex* Lord

Generall, with all his Forces raiſed by the authority of Parliament: as likewiſe the Lord *Say*, Lievtenant of *Oxfordſhire*, Earl of *Peterborough*, Lievtenant of *Northamptonſhire*, Lord *Wharton*, Lievtenant of *Buckinghamſhire*, Earl of *Stamford* Lievtenant of *Leiceſterſhire*, Earl of *Pembrook* Lievtenant of *Wiltſhire* & *Hampſhire*, Earl of *Bedford* Lievtenant of *Sommerſetſhire* and *Devon*, Lord *Brook* Lievtenant of *Warwickſhire*, the Lord *Cramborne* Lievtenant of *Dorſetſhire*, the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*, Lievtenant of *Lincolnſhire*, and all thoſe who are, or ſhall be appointed by Ordinance of both Houſes, to perform the Place of Deputy Lievtenants, and their Deputy Lievtenants reſpectively, *Denſill Hollis* Eſquire, Lievtenant of the City and County of *Briſtoll*, and the Majors and Sheriffes of the City, and Deputy Lievtenants there, and all other Lievtenants of Counties, Sheriffes, Majors, Deputy Lievtenants, ſhall raiſe all their Power and Forces of their ſeverall Counties, as well Trained Bands as others, and ſhall have power

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to conduct, and leade the ſaid Forces of the ſaid Counties againſt the ſaid Traitors and their Adherents, and with them to fight, kill and ſlay, all ſuch as by Force ſhall oppoſe them, and the Perſons of the ſaid Traytors, and their Adherents, and Accomplices, to Arreſt and Impriſon, and them to bring up to the Parliament, to anſwer their Traiterous and Rebellious Attempts according to Law, and the ſame or any other Forces, to tranſport and conduct from one County to another, in ayd and aſſiſtance one of another, and of all others that ſhall joyn with the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the defence of the Religion of Almighty God, and of the Liberties and peace of the Kingdom, and in purſuit of thoſe wicked and Rebellious Traytors, their Conſpirators, Ayders and Abettors, and Adherents, requiring all Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffes, Majors, Juſtices of Peace, and other His Majeſties Officers and loving Subjects, to be ayding and aſsiſting to one another in the Execution hereof, and for their ſo doing,

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all the parties above mentioned, and all others that shall joyn with them shall be justified, defended, and secured, by the Power and Authority of Parliament.

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Ordered that this be forthwith Printed.

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